

SUNNY SLOPE.

The great offering of Hereford Cattle including the entire English importation will be sold at public auction on MARCH 2 and 3, 1898, at the home farm, Emporia, Lyon Co., Kas. This sale has been advertised in this space for nearly a month. Every reader of this paper is hereby given a cordial invitation to be present.

150 HEAD OF REGISTERED
HEREFORDS.

C. S. CROSS.

Telegraphic News.

NEW YORK, March 1.—"On the day at the White Squadron opens fire upon Havana, Maximo Gomez will begin an attack by land. He will keep on fighting until Havana surrenders or nothing is left of it but a heap of ruins."

So says Emilio Nunez, who commanded a filibustering expedition which has been landed in Cuba from the steamer "Dauntless."

Nunez is now in Tampa, Fla., and he is not idle.

"Garcia is now besieging Bayamo and General Pando, with 25,000 men, trying to force his way up the Cauto river to dislodge him."

KEY WEST, Fla., March 1.—United States ships are massing themselves out here. The fleet now here is made up of the cruisers "New York," "Iowa," "Charlestown," "Montgomery," "Cush," and "Ericsson," as well as of the two battleships "Indiana," "Texas," "Massachusetts," now at Dry Tortugas.

THEY HAVE RECEIVED ORDERS TO HOLD THEMSELVES IN READINESS TO START FOR HAVANA AT THE TAP OF THE DRUM.

The "Detroit" has left here for Dry Tortugas to join the White Squadron. Orders have come from Secretary Long, Washington, to Admiral Sicard and he said to be based on information received from Havana by the Captain of the "Bache," United States Coast Survey boat, who told such an alarming story of the heated state of the Havana public and the probability of a riot at any moment, endangering the lives of Americans now in Havana, that Secretary Long at once sent orders to his ships to be ready.

"In open country between Marcia and Havana, Gomez is slowly but surely working toward the capital, burning plantations as he goes."

Blanco recalls his troops to protect Havana, Gomez draws nearer from the east, while Rodriguez and Diaz are in the east.

We expect the United States to

declare war. The moment this happens they will mass their forces and co-operate with the United States fleet. Havana will fall and CUBA WILL BE FREE."

WASHINGTON, March 1.—It is reported that the squadron was yesterday ordered to be in readiness to sail for Havana at once. No advice has been received either from the state or navy department that would warrant the statement that Spanish officials in Havana attempted to interpose any obstacles to prosecution of the work of wreckers on the "Maine's" hull.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—To-day's cabinet meeting disclosed the fact that the government is still without official news regarding the cause of the disaster of the "Maine." The Court of inquiry has not indicated in any way the trend of its investigation. The president and members of the cabinet are as completely in the dark as on the day after the explosion.

Following the cabinet meeting, the report was circulated that Secretary Long had stated that the element of Spanish responsibility had been eliminated from the incident of the disaster. To a representative of the Associated Press, he said his reference to Spain's responsibility was that of a question of any official participation by the Spanish government in the destruction of the "Maine" was practically eliminated, in his judgement. He desired to have it made clear that this was his personal view.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A party of senators and representatives will leave Washington today for a trip to Cuba.

The party will consist of Senators Gallinger, Thurston, and Money, and Representatives Amos B. Cummings and William Alden Smith and wives. Senator Thurston said today that the trip was undertaken for the purpose of making a personal investigation into the affairs of Cuba. He said the party would be absent about ten days which would allow several days in Cuba.

HAVANA, March 1.—Senator Proctor will take a trip into the provinces, probably first going west to Pinar de Rio.

HAVANA, March 1.—The *Diario del Ejercito*, the Spanish army gazette, received here from Havana, says that Spain has notified the United States that the "Maine's" remains must not be removed and work must stop until the government has received a report of the United States court of inquiry.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 1.—The second day's session here of the United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship "Maine," began at 10 o'clock this morning. Most of the officers examined yesterday have been informed that they might be recalled, and consequently were all on hand, though it is reported that they will not be re-examined until the court returns from its second visit to Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 1.—The court adjourned for lunch after examining four engineer officers and eight enlisted men of the "Maine." The afternoon session will be devoted to the hearing of testimony of enlisted men.

Judge Advocate Marix said: "We have done good work and are clearing up here in great shape. We may get through here tonight."

DENVER, March 1.—From certain developments that have come to light recently, it is stated, on what appears to be the best authority, that the Denver & Rio Grande railroad is seriously contemplating an extension into New Mexico as far as Cochiti, at least, and possibly further. A local railroad man returned from the southern part of the state today bringing information which leads to the belief that work on the grade of the proposed new line will be commenced very shortly and it is the intention that the Denver & Rio Grande have the road open in time to handle next fall's ore output at Cochiti and adjoining districts that will be taken out of the mines during the summer.

MADRID, March 1.—Jingo papers publish exhaustive dispatches from New York and Washington to the effect that relations between the United States and Spain are hourly becoming more strained and attributing to President McKinley a series of anti-Spanish declarations. Admiral Bermijo, minister of marine, is actively seeking the best means of procuring additional warships.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The senate today passed the Bacon resolution for the erection of some suitable place in the Capitol for the bronze memorial tablet, commemorative of officers and sailors who lost their lives in the "Maine" disaster. Perkins, of California, made an eloquent speech in eulogy of the American Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The war department has decided to abandon its expedition for the relief of miners in the Klondike country because of the conclusion that has been reached that no necessity has been reached for it. Secretary Alger has written a letter to Senator Hawley, chairman of the Senate committee on military affairs, explaining the department's position and asking Congress to take action by joint resolution, authorizing the department to dispose of supplies purchased for the expedition, including the reindeer just received from Norway, and to abandon the project entirely.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Secretary Long has directed Naval Constructor Helm to report to the naval Court of Inquiry at Key West. It is expected that they will go to Havana when the court returns there. Their familiarity with the structure of the "Maine," on which both men worked when she was built at the New York navy yard, will be of great assistance, not only in suggesting easy methods of work for the divers but also in identifying portions of the wreck.

MADRID, March 1.—Premier Sagasta is quoted an interview as saying that he expected satisfactory news from Cuba before April. In the same interview Sagasta said: "In view of the increase in the price of grain the Spanish government has decided to reduce the import duty."

A Piece of Parchment.
When unwritten on, is not more colorless than the cadaverous countenances of those unfortunate persons whom we are accustomed to call "confirmed invalids." What a misnomer! Implying, too, despair, a giving up for lost! As long as the vivifying power of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters can be felt, and that is possible so long as there is no absolute collapse of the faculties, fresh vitality can be infused into wasted feeble frames; color and flesh can be brought back to wasted, pallid cheeks with this grand sheet anchor of the debilitated and the sickly. It is a tonic of the greatest potency and almost purity, and a remedy for and preventive of dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, rheumatic, nervous and kidney complaints. Appetite and sleep are greatly aided by it; it counteracts the effects of undue fatigue, or excitement, and nullifies the often perilous consequences of exposure to inclement weather or damp clothing.

The people of Santa Fe should not for an hour relax their efforts to secure daily mail and stage service between Santa Fe and Bland.